



# **A UNITED, HAPPY FAMILY**

**What is the key?**



## DO YOU KNOW ANYONE LIKE THIS?

Jerry and Margie, a couple in the northeastern United States, had tried marriage—and failed. They had three children

*“Many problems had come into Jerry’s life,” related a close friend. “He was getting a divorce that would be final in a few months and also was planning to get married again.”*

**So many like Jerry and Margie,  
when they marry, hope to enjoy . . .**

**Warm Intimacy  
Doing Things Together  
The Joy of Parenthood  
Lifelong Commitment**

**But often,  
what they get is . . .**

**Unfaithfulness  
Shouting, Angry Words  
Rebellious Children  
Broken Homes**

## DOES IT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY?

No, the Originator of the family knows better than anyone else the way to a happy family life

And He has put the key at our fingertips in the world’s most available book—the Bible

Let’s see how the Bible comes to grips with this matter . . .

## THE KEY—PUTTING BIBLE GUIDELINES TO WORK IN YOUR FAMILY

### Love Your Wife—Show Tenderness

“Husbands ought to be loving their wives as their own bodies”

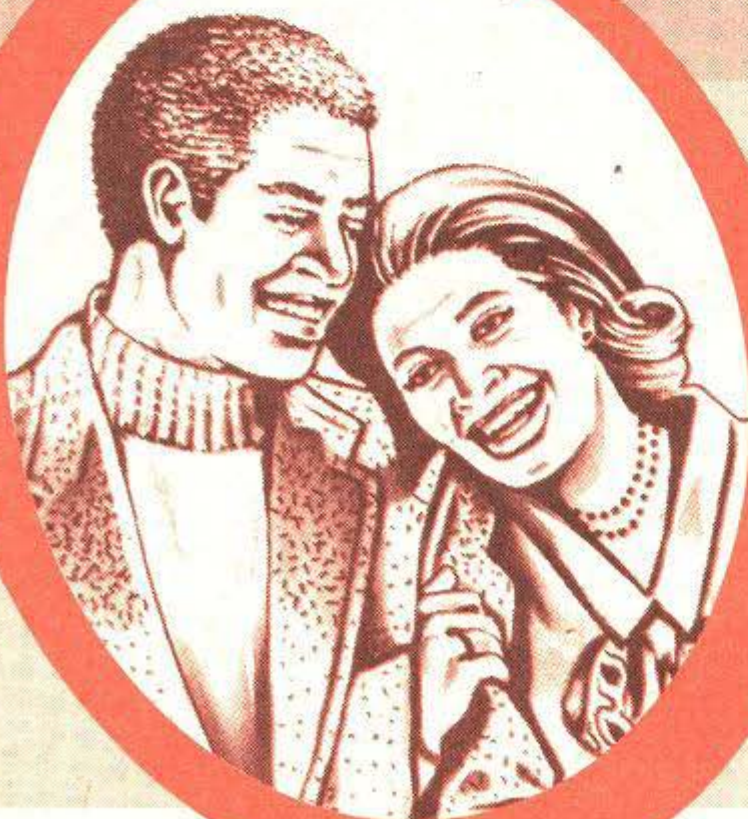
—Ephesians 5:28, 29

“ . . . assigning them honor as to a weaker vessel”—1 Peter 3:7

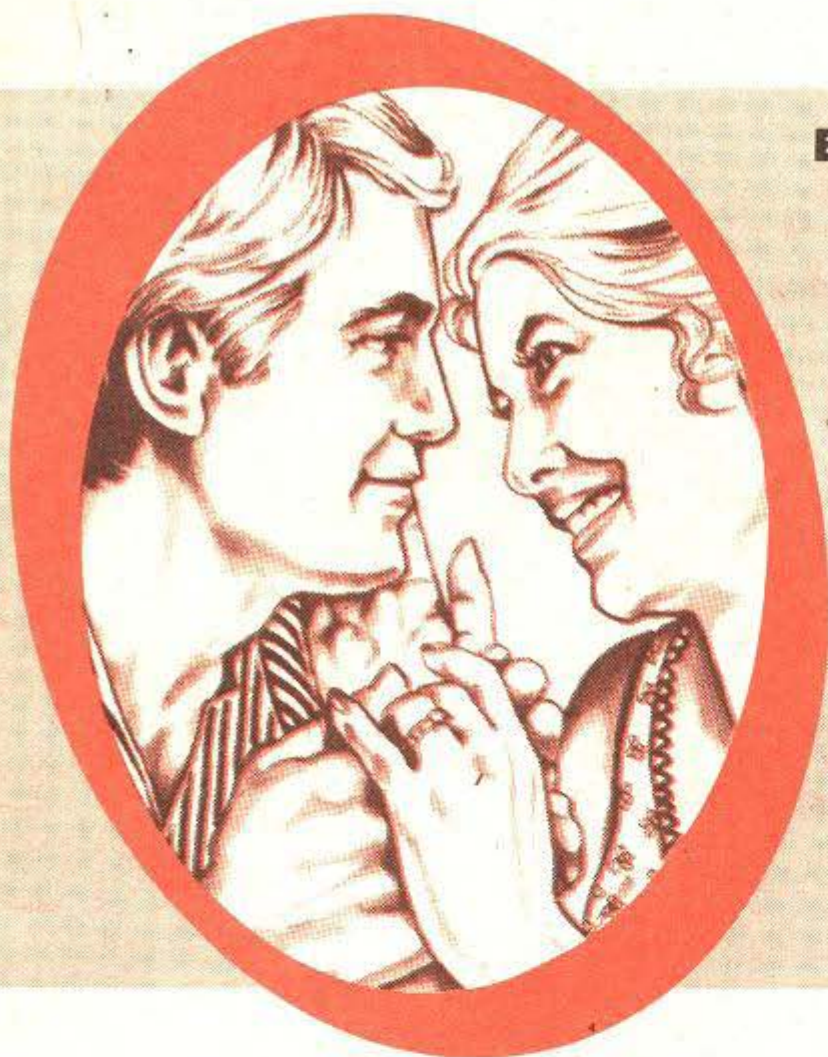
### Respect Your Husband —Be Easy to Love

“Have deep respect for [your] husband”—Ephesians 5:33

“ . . . [be] a helper for him, as a complement of him”—Genesis 2:18







### **Be Sexually Faithful to Each Other —Deserve Trust**

"Find your joy with the girl you married . . . why should you give your love to another woman?"—Proverbs 5:18-20, *Today's English Version*.

" . . . each should satisfy the other's [sexual] needs"—1 Corinthians 7:3 (*TEV*)

### **Listen to Each Other —Settle Problems Quickly**

"Be swift about hearing, slow about speaking, slow about wrath"—James 1:19

" . . . let the sun not set with you in a provoked state"—Ephesians 4:26

### **Give of Yourself to Your Children—Care Enough to Discipline**

"[Teach your children] when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up"—Deuteronomy 11:19

*"My dad works all the time," wrote a third-grader. "He gives me money and lots of toys, but I hardly ever see him."*



"The one loving [his child] is he that does look for him with discipline"—Proverbs 13:24

*"This whole discipline thing has been rough on me," said one 16-year-old. 'But it's been rougher on my parents, getting me back in line. They must really love me.'*

### **Worship God Together—Do Things His Way**

"Congregate the people, the men and the women and the little ones . . . in order that they may listen and in order that they may learn"—Deuteronomy 31:12

"Trust in Jehovah [God] with all your heart and do not lean upon your own understanding. In all your ways take notice of him"—Proverbs 3:5, 6



## DO THESE PRINCIPLES REALLY WORK?

Yes. Do you remember the shattered family described in our opening paragraphs?



**The person who helped them learn these Bible principles relates:**

*"At first Jerry was reluctant, but finally one Saturday morning I stopped at his apartment and was able to encourage him to have a Bible study. From then on he made rapid progress.*

*"Imagine my joy when one Sunday evening I received a telephone call from Jerry asking me that instead of coming to his apartment for the study, if I would come to his home where he had been to talk with his wife. They were now getting back together as a family.*

*"For the first couple of weeks I studied with just Jerry and his three children, as his wife Margie was reluctant. About the third week, however, she decided to sit in. But the happiest thing was the news concerning the coming divorce—now just two or three weeks from becoming final. They both had called their lawyers that day and had cancelled their divorce."*

Years later, they still remained a united, happy family

### **YOUR FAMILY CAN BENEFIT TOO**

**To learn how to put these  
principles to work, ask for a  
free home Bible study like  
the one that helped Jerry**

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